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MEMORANDUM

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TO: MSHDA OCD Grantees

FROM: Bill Parker, HOME/CDBG Program Specialist

RE: Reminder to Report Hispanic Ethnicity

The purpose of this memorandum is to remind Grantees to make sure they are reporting Hispanic ethnicity, when appropriate, for persons assisted with MSHDA OCD funds.

Last year HUD made changes to reporting requirements on race and ethnicity. "Hispanic or Latino" is no longer reported as a "Race" on HUD's forms. Instead, it is reported in addition to "Race" as an ethnicity. It seems that Hispanic ethnicity is not being reported as frequently, since the change to HUD's reporting requirements, as it was when Hispanic was reported as a "race."

Grantees are required to report Hispanic or Latino ethnicity on the "Family Composition Form" (MSHDA-OCD-51aE (07/26/2006)). Grantees are also required to report it in OPAL on the Income Verification/Household Characteristics form on the Activity Tracking Checklist.

Please contact your Community Development Specialist if you have any questions regarding this issue.



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